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BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER MENNELL TOLD ME TODAY THAT 80 BRITISH AIRCRAFT WERE INVOLVED IN CURRENT REINFORCEMENT OF BRITISH HONDURAS. MENNELL COMMENTED ON RAPID GCOB APPROVAL FOR STAGING BRITISH UNITS THROUGH BAHAMAS, CONTRASTING THIS WITH DELAYS FROM CANADIAN GOVERNMENT. I ASKED MENNELL HOW HE EXPLAINED GCOB ACTION. NOTING THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED IT TO BE HIGHLY SENSITIVE INFORMATION, HE REVEALED THAT AFTER HE HAD MADE HIS FIRST APPROACH TO THE GCOB (PRESUMABLY ADDERLEY) TO REQUEST STAGING RIGHTS, BRITISH INTERCEPTED TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION FROM PINDLING TO PREMIER GEORGE PRICE IN EFFECT SEEKING VERIFICATION THAT PRICE WANTED BRITISH ASSISTANCE. MENNELL COMMENTED THAT THE PINDLING/PRICE RELATIONSHIP WAS APPARENTLY A GOOD ONE AND PINDLING SAW AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN ADDITIONAL CURRENCY WITH PRICE BY PERMITTING STAGING. WEISS

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